



## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING

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### **San Luis Obispo County Recognized by NACo for Innovation County Government Efforts**

**Washington, D.C.** - San Luis Obispo County was recently recognized by the National Association of Counties (NACo) for implementing an innovative county government application to better serve area residents. The County won a NACo Achievement Award for developing "PermitView."

PermitView is a publicly accessible web application that integrates project information from the County's permit tracking system with the County Geographic Information System. PermitView presents permit and property data to the public user along with a map of a subject property and its immediate area. Including a map of a property and its surrounding area gives the public an easy way of exploring property information. The Department of Planning and Building, led by program developer Steven Griffith, developed the web application completely in-house using open source tools. "The County's creativity and notably Mr. Griffith's has improved customer service by expanding the way county residents can access and research property information on-line," said Jason Giffen, Director of Planning and Building. The County estimates it saved in excess of \$10,000 in software license and contractor costs that would have been needed for software development by an outside vendor. The PermitView web application can be viewed at: <http://www.sloplanning.org/permitview>.

The NACo Achievement Award program is a non-competitive program that recognizes counties for improving the management of and services provided by county government. Since the program's inception in 1970, the NACo Achievement Award program has honored thousands of county government initiatives that have improved service delivery, achieved greater cost efficiency, provided finer customer service, and helped to develop a better-trained work force.

This year's winners represent 30 states and 99 counties.

"On behalf of the nation's counties, I commend San Luis Obispo County and all counties who received NACo Achievement Awards this year," said NACo President Lenny Eliason.

"This year's applications show that counties are settling into the new fiscal realities with innovative programs that address the continuing demands for public services and programs," said Jacqueline Byers, NACo Director of Research.

The 2012 NACo Achievement Awards winners will be honored during the NACo's 78th Annual Conference and Exposition in Allegheny County/Pittsburgh, PA., on July 13-17.

For more information on the NACo Achievement Awards, visit [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org).

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